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Board of Delegates.

An adjourned stated meeting of the Board of Delegates was held at their chambers, City Hall, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, 1857.

President F. Mahoney in the chair.

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. McCarthy, Cotter, Smith, Rand, Lees, Tompkins, Spear, Buckingham, Silverthorn, Moore, Messervy, Thomas, Chapin, Short, Gough, Bidden, Buckley, Tennant, Jones, Whalen, Carroll, Williams, Ezekiel, Mitchell, Law, President Mahoney.

Absent—Babcock, Oltigson, Sinton, Herbert, Doyle, Wainwright, Berry, Cobb.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. F. L. Jones, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the report on the re-organization of the Fire Department.

On motion of Mr. Spear, the report was accepted.

Mr. Rand moved that the report be taken up by sections and read, and that Mr. Jones, chairman of Committee, be requested to read it, and take a seat beside the Secretary.

The preamble having been read, on motion, adopted as read.

Section 1, relative to officers, &c., of Department, was read, and on motion adopted as read.

Section 2, relative to the election of Chief and Assistant Engineers, was read.

Mr. Rand moved to amend that the Chief and Assistant be elected for one year.

Mr. Short moved to amend that the Chief Engineer be elected for two years.

Mr. Rand accepted the amendment of Mr. Short, when

Mr. Buckley renewed the amendment of Mr. Rand.

Mr. Gough objected to Mr. Rand's acceptance of Mr. Short's amendment, he having seconded Mr. Rand's amendment.

After some remarks by Messrs. Moore, Short, Rand, Jones, and Buckingham,

Mr. Buckingham moved that the question as to the time of the Chief Engineer be taken up; first adopted.

The question being taken on the amendment of Mr. Short, it was lost on a call of the ayes and nays, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Rand, Lees, Tompkins, Messervy, Short, Mitchell, Law—7.

Nays—Messrs. McCarthy, Cotter, Smith, Spear, Buckingham, Silverthorn, Moore, Thomas, Chapin, Gough, Bidden, Buckley, Tennant, Jones, Whalen, Carroll, Williams, Ezekiel, Mitchell, Law—19.

The question was then taken on Mr. Rand's amendment, which was lost on a call of the ayes and nays, as follows:

Ayes—Rand, Lees, Tompkins, Silverthorn, Gough, Buckley, Williams, Carroll, Ezekiel, Mitchell, Law—11.

Nays—McCarthy, Cotter, Smith, Spear, Buckingham, Moore, Messervy, Thomas, Chapin, Short, Bidden, Tennant, Jones, Whalen, President Mahoney—15.

Mr. Gough moved to strike out all in section in reference to Chief and Assistant, &c., when the chair ruled it out of order.

The question being taken on the subdivision 1, as read in section 2d, was adopted on a call of the ayes and nays, as follows:

Ayes—McCarthy, Cotter, Smith, Spear, Buckingham, Moore, Messervy, Thomas, Chapin, Short, Bidden, Tennant, Jones, Whalen, President Mahoney—15.

Nays—Rand, Lees, Tompkins, Silverthorn, Gough, Buckley, Williams, Carroll, Ezekiel, Mitchell, Law—11.

On motion, Mr. Buckingham moved that the term of service of Assistant Engineers be taken up.

The question being taken, it was adopted as read in Section 2, on a division vote. Ayes—16; nays—11.

Subdivision 3, relative to vacancies, adopted as read.

Subdivision 2, relative to judges of election.

Mr. Bidden moved to strike out "or places" in the 5th subdivision; adopted.

The question being taken on the 5th subdivision was adopted as amended.

On motion, Mr. Buckingham moved that the section adopted by subdivision be adopted as section 2d, carried.

Section 3, relative to representatives from companies.

Mr. Smith moved to amend to read "while on duty," which being withdrawn.

Mr. Buckingham moved to adopt as read; carried.

Section 4, relative to President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 5, relative to formation of companies; adopted.

Section 6, relative to admission to Fire Department.

Mr. Rand moved to strike out the words "city and county" in the above section; adopted.

Mr. Moore offered the following:

Sec. 7. It shall be unlawful for any company or association not belonging to the Department, to perform any of the duties of firemen, when said Department, or any portion thereof, is in service, except as hereinafter provided.

Mr. Buckingham offered the following as

Section 8. It shall be lawful for the exempt members of this Department to organize into an association to be known as the "Exempt Company," who shall be furnished by the — with a house for apparatus, and who shall be subject to the laws of the Department, and under the direction of its officers. The said company shall not be entitled to relief from the charitable fund of the Department except as hereinafter provided.

A debate ensued, in which Messrs Rand, Moore, and Buckingham participated, when the question being taken on Mr. Buckingham's section, it was adopted on a division vote. Ayes—15; nays—11.

Section 9, relative to reports of Chief Engineer; adopted as read.

Section 10, relative to work and supplies; adopted as read.

Section 11, relative to bell ringers; adopted as read.

Section 12, relative to fines to be paid over to charitable fund; adopted as read.

Section 13, relative to salary of Chief Engineer, Secretary of Fire Department and bell ringers.

Mr. Spear moved to take them up separately.

Mr. Moore offered a substitute that the salary of Chief Engineer be reduced to \$3,000.

Mr. Gough moved that the salary be fixed at \$4,000.

After considerable discussion, the above was lost on a call of the ayes and nays, as follows:

Ayes—McCarthy, Cotter, Tompkins, Silverthorn, Short, Gough, Buckley, Carroll, Williams—9.

Nays—Smith, Rand, Lees, Spear, Buckingham, Moore, Thomas, Chapin, Bidden, Tennant, Jones, Whalen, Ezekiel, Mitchell, Law, President Mahoney—16.

The question being taken on Mr. Moore's substitute, was lost on a call of the ayes and nays, as follows:

Ayes—McCarthy, Cotter, Smith, Tompkins, Spear, Moore, Gough, Buckley, Carroll, Williams—10.

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Scenes and Adventures in the Army.

SKETCHES OF INDIAN LIFE BEYOND THE BORDER.

By a Captain of the U. S. Dragoons.

CHAPTER V.

[CONTINUED.]

At Fort Snelling I found old friends, and officers with whom I had served at Jefferson Barracks:

but independent of the most hearty hospitality, which I have ever met with on these occasions—

an arrival, a new face, as such a outpost of civilization as this, is a bright link in that nearly severed chain which connects it with the world; gives an exciting impulse to the small society, which reacts upon the visitor, and is the source of unwelcome pleasure to all.

The defenses of this fort are high stone walls; it stands on an elevated point, the confluence of the Mississippi and St. Peter's rivers. In the rear, is a prairie nearly level and many miles in extent; an agreeable circumstance, when it is considered that chasing wolves and racing are almost the only resources for amusement and exercise. I rode over it nine miles, to the Falls of St. Anthony. The Mississippi here falls 22 feet perpendicularly; in places, immense masses of rock, disjoined and fallen from the memorial abrasion, add to the scene a sublime confusion and roar of waters. The 45th parallel of N. latitude is said to pass through the falls. I heard that evening at the fort the sound of the falls very plainly.

During my stay of two days, one of the Mackinac boats in which I had gone up, was condemned, and sold at auction (for \$60) to an officer of the fort, an old friend who decided to accompany me on my return.

We took our departure in the afternoon, having for crew my pilot and a discharged soldier, with a negro lad for "cabin boy." One of us was always at the helm. Some eight or nine miles down, my friend discovered that he had unluckily left a well-stored liquor case. We landed in consequence near an Indian camp, and despatched two Indians with a note, to the laboring boat.

We encamped, and were somewhat annoyed by the intrusion of our red friends.

While waiting for the messengers, let me give an account of our messengers. There was abundant store of cold boiled beef, and the buffalo tongue should not be forgotten. Our coffee—no used with the stinking hand of a frugal housekeeper—was made after the most approved method, with extreme care and attention; it was drunk, boiling water, like tea, and not suffered to boil afterwards. But who shall do justice to the venison, roasted in bits on a stick with alternate pieces of salt pork. First, the pleasing toll of the hunt, and the triumph of success; then the laborious and fatiguing, after the long fast, which excitement forgot; then the lively fire at night under majestic forest trees; and, oh, climax, the pieces of venison, bitten with natural weapons—not profaned with cold salt and pepper, but from the wood of the spit. Never was there better preparation of the appetite never was there better supper!

About midnight I was awakened from a sound sleep; a candle was just expiring in its socket; I looked up and saw two dark forms almost over me, uttering with violent gesticulation the loudest and most uncouth sounds. I had instinctively grasped my rifle, and was very near putting it to its natural use; but it was not to be. The intruders, who were half drunk and singing an ill-timed speech to my companion; seeking, I suppose, to raise the means of completing their happiness.

The next morning early, while steering, wrapped in a pea-jacket, the current "took a sheet" on the rudder, and quick as thought precipitated me backwards into the river. I got out without much difficulty, but it was a rather rough adventure, when the freezing weather is considered.

True to its character, we passed Lake Pepin with a tempestuous wind; we had a large sail up, but so deficient in tackle, that any sudden fall of wind would have sunk us. The waves were very high, and I steered with a man holding my leg, to prevent my being thrown overboard; the wind was steady, and we went through safely and right speedily.

The next day, while sailing with a high wind, we beheld another Mackinac boat making its way to lower down the river. We were in the middle of the river; in doing which I unluckily snatched in two our best oar, in endeavoring to lessen the concussion. We beheld a friend, Mr. T., an Indian agent, and surrounding a vast pile of furniture, &c., &c., his newly married wife, a rough introduction to the northwest, she thought, no doubt, I had passed this party at the Des Moines rapids, seeking a fit spot to encamp.

We sailed late, seeking a fit spot to encamp. The red light of burning prairies reflected in the troubled clouds, and again from the waters beneath—the sombre forests of shore and islands—the winds, now rushing in fearful gusts through the mountain passes, now heard in the moaning of distant forests—presented a wild, dreary and fearful scene. The boat, scarcely manageable, was tossed, and driven stem foremost, on a mud bank, where, in showing off, I further reduced our scanty stock of oars, by leaving one firmly imbedded. My companion lost his temper; we made a landing, kindled a small fire, and wrapped in our cloaks, sought repose in moody slumber, each upon his blanket.

We arrived at St. Cloud, early on a cold and frosty morning, and found the troops drilling. That drilling, before breakfast, is not a rare thing in practice, if it be so in theory, either in cold or warm weather. I well remember at the Military Academy, where I was, that the faculty and exhausted, with feet thoroughly soaked with dew, we found such drills almost intolerable. They no doubt looked very interesting to the Board of Visitors (or others) strolling out for a few moments for fresh air (on gravelled walks) between rising and breakfast.

The next day took passage for Galena. We arrived at the mouth of the river, at the same time with another boat from below, and a spirited contest ensued for precedence, as the river is so narrow to admit of two passing at the same time; several skillful manoeuvres were executed by both vessels, and all hands became much excited.

My friend saw them leading a swivel, which they were threatening to throw into the river. We gave them the go-by, however, without loss of life or limb. They had loaded with potatoes; it afterwards appeared, and I believe we were well contented with escaping the test of their artillery.

We were fortunate, so late in the season, (the end of November), to obtain a passage in a steamer, to St. Louis; so after a stay of some days at Galena, we gladly embarked for more congenial scenes, and so across, in the old States, is very well known; it was nothing strange that the captain and other officers

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